

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claim set:

1. (currently amended) A method for coordinating a competitive sporting event comprising the steps of:

receiving ~~prior fight information about a competitor from at least one user~~ relevant to said user's competitor's participation in a particular potential sporting event;

organizing said information received from ~~said at least one user about said competitor~~ into an electronically searchable format;

providing access to said information organized into an electronically searchable format to ~~said user and third parties; and competitor, to additional competitors, to promoters of the type of said potential sporting event, and to venues capable of hosting said potential sporting event;~~

~~selecting a geographical location of a particular potential competitive sporting event and opponent to box from among other participating boxers found within the information organized into the electronically searchable format.~~

~~providing a made competition between said competitor and at least one of said additional competitors;~~

~~providing information about said made competition in an electronically searchable format to said competitor, to said at least one of said additional competitors, to at least one of said promoters, and to at least one of said venues;~~

~~receiving a proposal for promoting said made competition from said at least one of said promoters;~~

~~receiving a proposal for hosting said made competition from said at least one of said venues; and~~

~~receiving acceptances of said proposal for promoting and said proposal for hosting from said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors.~~

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of proposing a contest competition in the particular sporting event between ~~at least a first user and a second user~~ said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of organizing the particular sporting event based on said information and said proposal for hosting said made competition through the use of a web site and a wide area network.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 claim 2, further comprising the step of ~~enabling a sports participant to locate an agent among said information receiving acceptances of said proposed competition from said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors, said acceptances causing said made competition to be formed~~.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling a ~~first sports participant~~ competitor to challenge a ~~second sports participant~~ competitor in the particular sporting event using ~~the~~ said information organized into an electronically searchable format therein.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing each of said ~~at least one user~~ competitor and said additional competitors with an information storage location accessible by said ~~user~~ competitors and a portion of which is also accessible by selected of said ~~third parties~~ additional competitors, said promoters, and said venues.

8. (currently amended) A computer apparatus for coordinating a competitive sporting event comprising:

means for receiving ~~prior fight information about a competitor from at least one user~~ relevant to said user's competitor's participation in a particular potential competitive sporting event, ~~wherein said prior fight information includes who was a last person said user fought and how long ago, what is said user's win/loss record, and what is said user's desired purse size;~~

means for organizing said information received from said at least one user ~~about said competitor~~ into an electronically searchable format;

means for providing access to said information organized into an electronically searchable format to said at least one user and third parties; and ~~competitor, to additional competitors, to promoters of the type of said potential sporting event, and to venues capable of hosting said potential sporting event;~~

~~selecting a geographical location of a particular potential competitive sporting event and opponent to box from among other participating boxers found within the information organized into the electronically searchable format.~~

~~means for providing a made competition between said competitor and at least one of said additional competitors;~~

~~means for providing information about said made competition in an electronically searchable format to said competitor, to said at least one of said additional competitors, to at least one of said promoters, and to at least one of said venues;~~

~~means for receiving a proposal for promoting said made competition from said at least one of said promoters;~~

~~means for receiving a proposal for hosting said made competition from said at least one of said venues; and~~

~~means for receiving acceptances of said proposal for promoting and said proposal for hosting from said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors.~~

9. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising means for proposing a ~~contest competition~~ in the particular sporting event between ~~at least a first user and a second user~~ ~~said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors.~~

10. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, further comprising means for organizing the particular sporting event based on said information and said proposal for hosting said made competition through the use of a web site and a wide area network.

11. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, further comprising means for enabling a sports participant to locate an agent among said information receiving acceptances of said proposed competition from said competitor and said at least one of said additional competitors, said acceptances causing said made competition to be formed.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, further comprising means for enabling a first sports participant competitor to challenge a second sports participant competitor in the particular sporting event using the said information organized into an electronically searchable format therein.

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, further comprising means for providing each of said at least one user with an information storage location for each of said competitor and said additional competitors accessible by said user competitors and a portion of which is also accessible by selected of said third parties additional competitors, said promoters, and said venues.

15-28. (canceled)

29. (new) A method for coordinating a competitive boxing match using an integrated Internet-based system comprising:

receiving boxer information from a plurality of boxers on an Internet-based system;

organizing the received boxer information into an electronically-searchable format on the Internet-based system based on categories of characteristics relevant to organizing boxing matches between boxers selected from the plurality of boxers;

providing selective access on the Internet-based system to the electronically-searchable information to at least the plurality of boxers, promoters of boxing matches, venues for hosting boxing matches, and boxing fans;

providing a proposed match database on the Internet-based system;

receiving a electronic challenge using the Internet-based system from a first boxer selected from the plurality of boxers to fight a second boxer selected from the plurality of boxers, the challenge creating a proposed match in the proposed match database;

transmitting the challenge to the second boxer using the Internet-based system;

receiving an acceptance of the challenge from the second boxer using the Internet-based system, the acceptance changing the proposed match into an accepted match on an accepted match database on the Internet-based system;

providing information about the accepted match to a promoter using the Internet-based system;

receiving a proposal for promoting the accepted match from the promoter using the Internet-based system;

providing information about the accepted match to a venue capable of hosting the accepted match using the Internet-based system; and

receiving a proposal for hosting the accepted match from the venue using the Internet-based system.

30. (new) The method of claim 29 wherein the boxer information comprises information selected from the group of hometown, boxer photographs, height, weight, number of fights, total number of losses, number of losses by KO, number of losses by TKO, number of losses by decision, number of losses by disqualification, total number of wins, number of wins by KO, number of wins by TKO, number of wins by decision, number of wins by disqualification, number of draws, wins-loss ratio by decision, wins-loss ratio by KO, wins-loss ratio by TKO, ranking within the boxer's weight class, and number of rounds the boxer fights.

31. (new) The method of claim 29 wherein the challenge includes limitations on the challenge that must be accepted by the second boxer as part of the acceptance, the limitations selected from the group of the desired purse amount, the number of rounds, the date of the match, and the geographical location of the match.

32. (new) The method of claim 29 further comprising:
receiving a second electronic challenge using the Internet-based system from the first boxer to fight a third boxer selected from the plurality of boxers, the challenge creating a second proposed match in the proposed match database;
transmitting the second challenge to the third boxer using the Internet-based system;
receiving a rejection of the second challenge from the third boxer using the Internet-based system, the rejection deleting the second proposed match from the proposed match database.

33. (new) The method of claim 29 further comprising:
transmitting the proposal for promoting the accepted match to the first and second boxers using the Internet-based system;
receiving responses from the first and second boxers using the Internet-based system, the responses selected from the group of:

acceptances from both the first and second boxers, wherein the acceptances cause information in the accepted match database to be updated to reflect the proposal for promoting;

rejections from both the first and second boxers, wherein the information in the accepted match database is not updated, and wherein the information about the accepted match may be transferred to another promoter; and

an acceptance from one of the first and the second boxer and a rejection from the other of the first and the second boxer, wherein the information in the accepted match database is not updated, and wherein the information about the accepted match may be transferred to another promoter; and

transmitting the received responses to the promoter that provided the proposal for promoting the accepted match using the Internet-based system.

34. (new) The method of claim 29 further comprising transmitting the proposal for hosting the accepted match to the promoter using the Internet-based system.

35. (new) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

receiving additional proposals for promoting the accepted match from additional promoters using the Internet-based system;

transmitting the proposal for promoting the accepted match and the additional proposals for promoting the accepted match to the first and second boxers using the Internet-based system; and

receiving a selection of a proposal selected from the proposal for promoting the accepted match and the additional proposals for promoting the accepted match from the first and second boxers using the Internet-based system.

36. (new) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

receiving additional proposals for hosting the accepted match from additional venues using the Internet-based system;

transmitting the proposal for hosting the accepted match and the additional proposals for hosting the accepted match to the promoter using the Internet-based system; receiving a selection of a proposal selected from the proposal for hosting the accepted match and the additional proposals for hosting the accepted match from the promoter using the Internet-based system; and incorporating the selected proposal for hosting the accepted match into the promoter's proposal for promoting the accepted match.

37. (new) The method of claim 29 wherein the Internet-based system comprises means selected from the group of:

means for selling merchandise related to boxing and to boxers selected from the plurality of boxers;

means for searching and browsing among available agents and for communicating between boxers and those agents to permit the boxers to solicit representation by an agent selected from the available agents;

means for searching and browsing among available trainers and for communicating between boxers and those trainers to permit the boxers to solicit training from a trainer selected from the available trainers; and

means for searching and browsing among available managers and for communicating between boxers and those managers to permit the boxers to solicit a managerial relationship with a manager selected from the available managers.

38. (new) An network-based system for coordinating a competitive boxing match comprising:

a boxer information database;

a proposed matches database;

an accepted matches database;

means for receiving boxer information from a plurality of boxers over a network and storing the boxer information in the boxer information database;

means for organizing the received boxer information into an electronically-searchable format in the boxer information database based on categories of characteristics relevant to organizing boxing matches between boxers selected from the plurality of boxers;

means for providing selective access of the electronically-searchable information over the network to at least the plurality of boxers, promoters of boxing matches, venues for hosting boxing matches, and boxing fans;

means for receiving a challenge over the network from a first boxer selected from the plurality of boxers to fight a second boxer selected from the plurality of boxers, the challenge creating a proposed match in the proposed match database;

means for transmitting the challenge to the second boxer over the network;

means for receiving a response to the challenge from the second boxer over the network, the response selected from the group of:

an acceptance, the acceptance changing the proposed match in the proposed match database into an accepted match in the accepted match database;
and

a rejection, the rejection deleting the proposed match from the proposed match database;

means for transmitting additional challenges and receiving additional responses over the network until there is at least one accepted match on the accepted match database;

means for providing information about the at least one accepted match to a promoter over the network;

means for receiving a proposal for promoting the at least one accepted match from the promoter over the network;

means for providing information about the at least one accepted match to a venue capable of hosting the accepted match over the network; and

means for receiving a proposal for hosting the at least one accepted match from the venue over the network.

39. (new) The system of claim 38 wherein the boxer information comprises information selected from the group of hometown, boxer photographs, height, weight, number of fights, total number of losses, number of losses by KO, number of losses by TKO, number of losses by decision, number of losses by disqualification, total number of wins, number of wins by KO, number of wins by TKO, number of wins by decision, number of wins by disqualification, number of draws, wins-loss ratio by decision, wins-loss ratio by KO, wins-loss ratio by TKO, ranking within the boxer's weight class, and number of rounds the boxer fights.

40. (new) The system of claim 38 further comprising a merchandise database and means for selling merchandise related to boxing and to boxers selected from the plurality of boxers.

41. (new) The system of claim 38 wherein the network is a wide-area computer network and the means for receiving boxer information, the means for receiving the challenge, the means for receiving the response to the challenge, the means for receiving a proposal for promoting, the means for receiving a proposal for hosting, the means for transmitting the challenge, and the means for providing information comprise Internet-compatible web pages hosted on a server connected to the wide-area computer network.

42. (new) The system of claim 41 further comprising web pages that selectively display information about the plurality of boxers.

43. (new) The system of claim 38 further comprising means for receiving and selecting from multiple proposals for promoting the at least one accepted match in a bidding-style format.

44. (new) The system of claim 38 further comprising means for receiving and selecting from multiple proposals for hosting the at least one accepted match in a bidding-style format.